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Rocket & 2-drones from Lebanon explode on outskirts of Jerusalem

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IDF locked down Lebanon airport, seaport & borders to prevent Hezbollah rearming

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Sergeant Daniel Aviv Haim Sofer, 19, and Corporal Tal Dror, 19, were killed and 24 additional soldiers were injured from a drone strike from Iraq in northern Israel on Tuesday

Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari|09:17

Sergeant Daniel Aviv Haim Sofer, 19, from Ashkelon, was a soldier in the 13th Battalion in the Golani Brigade, and Corporal Tal Dror (19) from Jerusalem, a communications soldier in the 13th Battalion, were killed by a drone strike launched from Iraq on Tuesday.

The IDF spokesperson stated that 24 additional soldiers in varying levels. The impact occurred at approximately 02:50, and another drone was intercepted.

The sirens warning from the infiltration of the aircraft in the Golan were activated at 03:26 a.m. in the northern towns of Ein Zivan, Marom Golan, and more. A few hours later, the Islamic Resistance in Iraq, a pro-Iranian militia, claimed responsibility for the shooting. The claim of responsibility states that three attacks were carried out on targets in the north using drones.

Earlier, the IDF spokesperson informed that during the last four days of operations in southern Lebanon, more than 250 terrorists were eliminated, including 21 commanders. According to his statement, the 250 operatives included five battalion commanders, ten company commanders, and six department commanders. In addition, the IDF estimates that the entire southern Lebanon population evacuated and about 600 thousand left and arrived north of the Litani river.

The IDF continues to operate in southern Lebanon which combines air activity alongside limited targeted raids with tanks and artillery. The IDF added that during the operation, the forces eliminated terrorists entrenched in buildings adjacent to the fence, located and destroyed weapon caches, launchers ready for launch, and Hezbollah IEDs that were left behind.

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Military says anti-tank missiles, rockets and launchers found inside homes by forces on the ground to remove Hezbollah threat from north, trucks carrying concrete brought in to block Hezbollah attack tunnels

Yoav Zitun|06:04

Massive amounts of munitions remain in South Lebanon and cameras placed by Hezbollah operatives in the terrain, provide terrorists with intelligence on IDF troop movements and deployment. The forces that began a ground incursion into Lebanon earlier this week, have already uncovered many advanced anti-tank missiles.

The IDF revealed on Friday that its troops operating in South Lebanon have found massive amounts of weapons and terror infrastructure inside villages and homes. The ground operations aim is to remove them and prevent the terror group from using them to attack northern Israel.

"Over the past 24 hours, the troops discovered rocket launcher munitions, anti-tank missiles, and rockets - inside a residential home," the military said in a statement. "The

weapons were found by a bed and a picture of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

The troops also located and confiscated dozens of weapons left behind in buildings and civilian homes in southern Lebanon. The weapons located include rocket launchers aimed at Israeli territory, anti-tank missiles, firearms, observation posts, and an explosive device buried by the enemy in the area."

The IDF said it was transporting truckloads of concrete to block tunnels, and blowing up others, while at least 100 terrorists have been killed. Israel also suffered casualties after nine soldiers were killed in the fighting.

The military said it has observed increasing Iranian efforts to arm Hezbollah and has therefore launched strikes on the border region between Lebanon and Syria including destroying underground tunnels used for arms smuggling.

On Thursday, the air force attacked a border crossing point at Masnaa, operated by the Lebanese government claiming it was used to bring in arms for Hezbollah.

IDF Arabic language spokesperson Major Avichay Adaree said that since Israel attacked Hezbollah run border crossings late last month, which were the main access point for weapons, the Masnaa border, became the primary source of weapons being brought into Lebanon.

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Hezbollah aims fire south of Haifa, including Caesarea, home to Netanyahu

The entire Galilee region comes under constant attack since early morning with barrages targeting major cities, causing damage but no injuries;

Ynet|05:33

Sirens sounded in Israel's Haifa, Carmel foot hills and the Hadera region, including - for the first time since the war began, in Caesarea, An affluent seaside community where Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu owns a private residence.

"Following the sirens that sounded at 10:52 in the areas of Wadi Ara, Haifa bay, and the Carmel, two projectile launches were identified crossing from Lebanon into Israeli territory. Both were intercepted. No injuries were reported," the military said.

Hezbollah attacked northern Israel including the cities of Haifa and Acre repeatedly since the early morning hours. Rockets also landed in the Upper Galilee causing damage but no injuries.

The IDF said earlier that it had eliminated the head of Hezbollah's communication networks, Mohammad Rashid Sakafi, in a targeted "intelligence-based strike" in Beirut.

The military said he had developed the terror group's communication systems used by the group in war as well as in routine times.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant said on a visit to troops in the north that the forces would continue to operate in South Lebanon to remove any threat from communities near the border.

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Israel attacks Lebanon civilian border crossing to Syria

IDF says after Hezbollah-run crossings are attacked late last month, Masnaa crossing run by government becomes primary source of arms flowing for into Lebanon for use by terror group

Lior Ben Ari|04:27

Israeli strikes sealed off Lebanon's main border crossing with Syria early on Friday, hours after an intense Israeli attack on Beirut's southern suburbs that is thought to have targeted the heir apparent to Hezbollah's slain secretary general.

The Hezbollah-affiliated Al Mayadeen Network said traffic at the Masnaa crossing, going both ways across the border, which had seen some 300,000 people, mostly Syrians, flee Lebanon to Syria, was stopped.

Lebanese Transportation Minister Ali Hamieh said the attack near the border crossing created a large crater forcing people to walk across the frontier.

Israeli officials said that the crossing was used to bring in arms for Hezbollah although weapons will likely still make their way across the border to replenish the arsenal of the Iran-backed terror group after much of its armaments were destroyed in Israeli attacks. IDF Arabic language spokesperson Major Avichay Adaree said that since Israel attacked Hezbollah run border crossings late last month, which were the main access point for weapons, the Masnaa border, operated by the Lebanese government and used by civilians, has been the primary source of weapons being brought into Lebanon. The military returned to strike heavy machinery that was brought in to repair the crossings that were attacked.

"Hezbollah's 4400 unit began transporting weapons, we believe is for use in South Lebanon," Adaree said. "We attacked a truck carrying weapons on Wednesday and it was full of armaments, judging by the secondary explosions, we saw," he said.

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Strike targeting presumptive Nasrallah replacement uses 73 ton of bombs

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Yoav Zitun|03:33

Air Force fighter jets dropped some 73 tons of bombs on the Hezbollah stronghold in Beirut, the Dahieh, overnight in the strike targeting the presumptive new leader-to-be of the terror group Hashem Safieddine.

According to a report in the New York Times, a high-level meeting of senior members of Hezbollah had been taking place in an underground bunker there when the strike occurred. Officials in Israel believe Hashem Safieddine, designated to replace slain Hassan Nasrallah, may have been in the bunker that was attacked although his fate early on Saturday, remains unknown.

Military officials said the targeted attacks on Hezbollah leaders, disrupt the terror group's ability to re-arm and command its troops to action.

The strike that began close to midnight on Thursday was described as powerful and came soon after IDF's Arabic Language spokesperson Major Avichay Adaree, warned residents of the area to quickly evacuate to safety if they were near Hezbollah infrastructure or assets.

A source close to Hezbollah said the IDF strike formed a ring of fire around the targeted area and at least 11 waves of bombings took place, one after the other. More strikes on the Dahieh were reported in the later overnight hours.

Rescue operations continued throughout the morning.

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Israeli jets strike West Bank city killing 16, including refugee camp commander

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Israeli jets strikes in West Bank city of Tulkarem

Israeli fighter jet targeted a house with terrorists following a parade for a recently released prisoner; Among the dead was the commander of the terror organization in the Tulkarm refugee camp

Yoav Zitun, Einav Halabi|16:21

The IDF carried an airstrike on Thursday targeting a house with terrorists in the West Bank city of Tulkarm. According to Palestinian reports, 16 people were killed in the

attack, including Raed Radwan, the commander of the terror group in the Tulkarm refugee camp.

Palestinians claimed that shortly before the strike, a parade had been held for a member of the Al-Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, who had been released from Israeli prison after 20 years. The event was attended by many armed individuals.

This is the first airstrike in Tulkarm by a fighter jet since the Second Intifada. Until now, in the few instances where the IDF has used airstrikes in the West Bank, they targeted Jenin and Nablus.

In August, the head of the terror group in the Nur Shams refugee camp, Mohammed Jaber (Abu Shujaa), was killed. He had been involved in multiple attacks, including the June attack in Qalqilya that killed Amnon Mukhtar, 67. Jaber commanded around 30 terrorists in the camp.

The scene of the strike

Security officials have noted a significant difference between the popularity of terrorists on social media, particularly those from refugee camps, and their relatively low level of local support. For terror groups, social media is a crucial tool for glorifying attackers and recruiting young followers.

The most recent IDF airstrike in Jenin was in May, targeting a terror operations center. Islam Khamaiseh, a wanted terrorist, was killed in that strike.

For years, since the end of Operation Defensive Shield, the IDF refrained from airstrikes in the West Bank. However, due to the surge in terror attacks last year — even before the current war — that policy has shifted, and aerial targeted killings in the area have resumed.

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Iraq 11 year old girl kidnapped by ISIS 10 years ago, rescued from Gaza by IDF

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Yazidi woman kidnapped by ISIS in Iraq rescued from Gaza by Israel

Foreign Ministry says Fawzia Amin Sido was taken captive at 11 and sold to terror group supporter in Gaza, where she was held for 10 years before being reunited with her family Lior Ben Ari, Yoav Zitun|06:53

Fawzia Amin Sido, 21, a young Yazidi woman kidnapped from her home in Iraq by Islamic State terrorists in 2014 when she was just 11 years old, was rescued from Gaza by IDF forces and reunited with her family in her home country.

The woman's rescue marks a complex political-diplomatic process after which Sido was released after ten years in captivity with the aid of Israel's Coordinator of Government Activities in the Territories (COGAT).

According to various reports, Fawzia was taken from her home in Iraq to Syria after she was kidnapped, where she was purchased by a Palestinian ISIS supporter who brought her to Gaza. She was forced to bear his children, and he later returned to Syria, where he was reportedly killed in an attack. However, the terrorist's family continued to hold the woman hostage until her recent release.

The Iraqi Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Sido's release, now 21 years old, noting that it was carried out "via a joint effort with the international intelligence service," without mentioning Israel's role or the fact she was held in Gaza.

According to Iraq's foreign ministry, the release was coordinated "in close collaboration with the U.S. embassies in Baghdad and Amman, as well as Jordanian authorities, after over four months of efforts and monitoring." The ministry also mentioned that Sido was moved between several countries before being released.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry's digital diplomacy division head David Saranga announced the rescue on Thursday and said, "Fauzia was held captive by a Palestinian Hamas-ISIS member for years. Now, she has reunited with her family. Her story is a reminder of the cruelty faced by Yazidi children who were taken by force. Some 101 Israelis are still held hostage in Gaza."

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IDF & IAF eliminate 60 terrorists & 200 Hezbollah assets across Lebanon

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IDF eliminates 60 terrorists across Lebanon in air, ground operation

Military reports it targeted over 200 Hezbollah assets across Lebanon in overnight ground and air operation including in Bint Jbeil

Yoav Zitun|04:06

The IDF Spokesperson's Unit reported on Thursday that air and ground units targeted Bint Jbeil's municipality complex and eliminated 15 Hezbollah terrorists inside it overnight.

"The Hezbollah terrorist organization systematically violates international law, while brutally exploiting government and civilian buildings as well as the population as human shields for terrorist activity, in order to harm IDF soldiers and the civilians of the State of Israel," the military said in a statement.

"The IAF, with the direction of the IDF Northern Command, struck approximately 200 Hezbollah terrorist targets in Lebanese territory, including terrorist infrastructure sites, terrorists, weapons storage facilities, observation posts, and additional terrorist infrastructure in southern Lebanon," it added.

The IDF also added Air Force fighter jets targeted “terrorists who fired missiles yesterday toward the area of the Ramim Ridge alongside terrorists who fired projectiles at IDF soldiers operating in southern Lebanon.”

“Furthermore, IDF soldiers identified terrorists that launched projectiles toward additional IDF soldiers operating in southern Lebanon. The IAF swiftly struck and eliminated the terrorists,” the military said.

“This morning, over the past few hours, two Hezbollah terrorists fired at soldiers from the Golani Brigade operating in the area. The IAF swiftly struck the terrorists and no IDF injuries were reported.”

The strike comes after Lebanese reports said the IDF struck central Beirut Thursday overnight, killing at least 46 terrorists.

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Israel strikes central Beirut, attack also involved Israeli warships

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Israel strikes central Beirut 'for first time since 2006'

Military moves to target Hezbollah assets in the center of Lebanon's capital with local reports claiming at least six were killed in attack

Ynet, News Agencies|00:34

The IDF struck at the heart of Lebanon’s capital of Beirut Thursday overnight with local reports alleging the attack also involved Israeli warships. It was later reported the military targeted a complex belonging to the Hezbollah-owned Islamic Health Organization with local media saying at least six were killed and seven wounded as a result.

CNN reported the attack was the first one executed against the center of the capital since 2006 and added a loud explosion was heard following the strikes. Many families left the area after the incident, according to reports.

Three missiles also hit the southern suburb of Dahieh, where Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah was killed last week, and loud explosions were heard, Lebanese security officials said. The southern suburbs came under more than a dozen IDF strikes on Wednesday.

The IDF also struck Baalbek located in eastern Lebanon overnight, with local authorities reporting at least 46 individuals were killed and 86 injured in Wednesday’s attacks.

The military urged residents of Lebanese villages who have evacuated their homes not to return until further notice. "IDF raids are continuing," spokesperson Avichay Adraee said on X on Thursday.

Sinwar sends first message from hiding since October to Algerian president

Yahya Sinwar resurfaced with a rare communication while Israel conducts an extensive manhunt in Gaza for the man responsible for the Oct. 7 massacre; Sinwar congratulated Algerian President Abdelmadjid Tebboune on winning the 'renewed trust' of his people in the election, referred to Israel's 'genocide'

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Recap: Following the military's colossal failure in Hamas' attack, it quickly recuperated and acted decisively against Israel's enemies; these are its greatest achievements so far
Ron Ben-Yishai|Yesterday | 15:35

1. Firstly, the rapid recovery by the IDF and the civilian population.

These recovered within hours, and by October 8, the army and volunteer civilian organizations in all fields were already up and running. The IDF began conducting an organized war to repel Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists still within Israeli territory and volunteer organizations started taking care of evacuees and the reservists who mobilized in droves, mostly without being drafted. They simply showed up.

In the first hours and days, the government and its leader weren't functioning at all, or very partially, and they weren't responding to the needs of those under attack. At the same time, the IDF felt that Hezbollah would exploit the momentum of Hamas's success, and also try storming the Galilee and that attention and available IDF forces would have to be divided between the two sectors.

All this occurred within days. Hamas and Islamic Jihad terrorists were repelled back to the Gaza Strip and started receiving aerial bombardments and artillery fire. Three, primarily reservist, divisions were deployed on the northern border, from the mountainous Hermon thickets and Har Dov across to Rosh Hanikra in the west. They positioned themselves in defensive formations, protecting Israel from a northern version of the October 7 massacre.

I believe the IDF and civilian population's rapid recovery is far and away this past year's best achievement. This is what prevented a serious disaster and the slow collapse of the State of Israel. Military theory states that, after absorbing a surprise attack in which the enemy penetrates lines of defense, the defensive army retreats to a second line and prepares for containment. But there was no second line on October 7.

The civilian communities were at the front and Israel managed to stop the Hamas attack and avert much worse results along the border.

2. The ground operation above and below ground in Gaza, in which the IAF, special forces units together brought about the dismantling of Hamas and Islamic Jihad's fighting force.

Out of 23 Hamas battalions, only one or two remain in the central camps, where Israel is not operating due to the assessment that most of the hostages are there are two million displaced Gazans living in “open shelters” in the area.

The IDF doesn't control the entire Gaza Strip, but can move to any area it chooses within hours, sometimes minutes. It can also gather intelligence and deter Hamas military organization almost unimpeded.

A static presence in the area could still expose IDF forces to anti-tank missiles and devices left by Hamas as part of guerilla warfare. Rocket fire, however, even mortar shelling, into Israel has almost completely stopped. Hamas has, effectively, ceased being an immediate threat to Israel's residents as it was before October 7.

3. The dramatic reversal of the Israel-Hezbollah power balance as part of “Operation Northern Arrows.”

The intelligence community, IAF and Northern Command managed to land a series of precision shocks on all Hezbollah power components, believed to have destroyed over half its capabilities of endangering the Israelis in the Northern Galilee in particular, and Israel's home front in general.

These shocking moves, based on precise intelligence provided by the intelligence community were ready for operation some time ahead. They were implemented at the right time, after the weight of the fighting force had been transferred from Gaza where, as mentioned good security control has been achieved.

4. Repelling April 13-14 and October 1 Iranian attacks.

Primarily the first practical realization of Israeli-American operational collaboration that proved extremely effective in whose framework, practical infrastructure was laid for a regional defense coalition against the Shiite axis.

5. IDF Central Command, in aggressive operation, managed to avert, at this stage, a third Intifada in Judea and Samaria

There have been terrorist attacks, mainly on roads, in and around Jewish communities, but the IDF has raided refugee camps, harming the battalions inside them (with the help of the Air Force and the Yamam Counter-Terrorism Unit) and has managed to maintain an almost normal fabric of life, reducing terrorist attacks, and preventing them from spilling over to within the Green Line.

6. Restoring Israel's and the IDF's general deterrence in the region, particularly against the Iran-led axis.

This deterrence, greatly eroded October 7, has been restored thanks to the surprise operations and cognitive blows the intelligence community and the IDF landed on Hezbollah in Lebanon, no less than dismantling Hamas and Islamic Jihad in Gaza. The terrible destruction in Gaza, resulting from fighting terrorists from within a civilian population, and the use of explosive devices, constitutes a deterrent to the same extent that it causes public and political to Israel across the world.

Deterring the Iranian attack, which produced no results, alongside achievement in the north, has not only restored deterrence but raised it a notch compared to before. Until then, deterrence had been localized, against the countries surrounding us.

We're now talking about regional deterrence with even global implications. The IAF's surprise attacks in Lebanon have proven how good we are on the offensive. And repelling 200 ballistic missiles on October 1 proves we're a defense powerhouse too. But we shouldn't be resting on our laurels.

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3 killed in Israeli airstrike on Damascus commanders, target remains unknown

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3 killed in Israeli airstrike on Damascus, reports say

Targeted building in Syrian capital's Al-Mazzeah neighborhood reportedly often visited by Hezbollah and Iranian Revolutionary Guard commanders; 2 of victims not Syrian

Lior Ben Ari|14:04

Three people were killed Wednesday afternoon in an airstrike targeting a building in the Al-Mazzeah neighborhood of Damascus, reportedly frequented by Hezbollah commanders and Iran's Revolutionary Guard.

According to local reports, two of the victims were non-Syrian. At least four others were wounded in the strike, which hit a three-story building. The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a UK-based opposition group, reported seven casualties in the attack.

The Syrian Defense Ministry confirmed the airstrike occurred at 5:25 p.m., stating that Israel targeted a residential building, killing three civilians and injuring three others, while causing significant damage.

Syrian outlet Voice of the Capital reported that the building targeted in the strike was located near a site previously attacked in January, where senior Hezbollah commander Youssef Omayed Dar, also known as "Haj Sadiq," and two of his aides were killed. Sources suggested Wednesday's strike was an assassination, though the target remains unknown.

Last Friday, Syrian state media reported that five soldiers were killed in an Israeli airstrike near Damascus. The attack, launched from the Golan Heights around 1:35 a.m., targeted a military post near the Syria-Lebanon border.

In Lebanon, a drone strike last week reportedly killed three people in southern Lebanon when the drone targeted a vehicle on the Wadi al-Ayoun road between Sarbine and Beit Lif villages. That same night, Israeli airstrikes were reported in several locations in Lebanon, including the village of Jwaya, where multiple casualties were reported. Earlier this month, reports also emerged of an Israeli strike on a vehicle near Damascus International Airport, with several members of the pro-Iranian Iraqi Kata'ib Hezbollah militia reportedly killed.

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Under darkness and heavy fog: 30 terrorists killed in heroic battle claiming 6 IDF

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Under fire and heavy fog: 30 terrorists killed in heroic Lebanon battle that claimed 6 IDF commandos

Egoz soldiers clash with Hezbollah terrorists in Lebanese border village, taking heavy fire; casualties evacuated under harsh weather conditions; at least 30 soldiers wounded in fighting, 7 seriously; 2 soldiers killed by anti-tank fire in separate incident

Yoav Zitun|11:57

Six IDF commandos were killed in intense combat in southern Lebanon early Wednesday morning, as a detachment of elite Egoz Unit soldiers launched an assault around 4:30 a.m. and encountered Hezbollah terrorists in a building near the border. The soldiers were met with heavy fire from small arms, anti-tank missiles and mortars.

Despite the harsh weather conditions, medical teams and Unit 669 rescue forces, along with ground and air support, worked heroically under heavy fire to evacuate the wounded.

Two Golani Reconnaissance Unit soldiers were killed by an anti-tank missile in a separate incident. Seven more soldiers were severely wounded.

Poor weather conditions, including heavy fog and total darkness, complicated the operation. The Air Force carried out strikes on nearby roads and buildings, including a mosque where some of the terrorists had fled. The mosque was destroyed in the attack, and at least 30 Hezbollah fighters were reportedly killed. Around 30 Israeli soldiers were wounded in the incident, with several continuing to fight despite their injuries.

Egoz Unit's drone team provided crucial support, guiding forces and launching missiles to fill gaps caused by the low visibility for Air Force aircraft. Earlier encounters on Tuesday saw Egoz commandos eliminate six Hezbollah terrorists without Israeli casualties. Since the beginning of Israel's ground operation on Monday night, the IDF has reported the killing of around 50 Hezbollah terrorists by commando forces.

In the months leading up to the ground assault, Israeli forces had targeted 650 Hezbollah positions in the sector near the Upper Galilee. Despite this, Hezbollah's elite Radwan force had concealed underground rocket launchers and command centers, waiting for the IDF's ground incursion.

On Wednesday evening, the IDF named the eight soldiers that were killed in two separate incidents: Captain Harel Etinger, 23, from Eli, and Captain Eitan Itzhak Oster, 22, from Mod'in Maccabim Re'ut, both served as squad commanders in the elite Egoz Unit of the Commando Brigade; Sergeant First Class Noam Barzilay, 22, from Kokhav Ya'ir Tzur Yigal, Sergeant First Class Or Mantzur, 21, from Beit Aryeh-Ofarim, and Sergeant First Class Nazaar Itkin, 21, from Kiryat Ata, all soldiers in the Egoz Unit; Captain Itai Ariel Giat, 23, from Shoham, an officer in the Yahalom Unit of the Combat Engineering Corps; Staff Sergeant Almken Terefe, 21, from Jerusalem, and Staff Sergeant Ido Broyer, 21, from Ness Ziona, served in the Golani Brigade's Reconnaissance Unit.

During the clash that claimed the lives of the six Egoz soldiers, a commando officer and four other soldiers were severely injured. The fighting unfolded as the commando unit entered a building in a Lebanese village near the border, leading to an extended fire fight. The difficult weather and heavy mortar fire made the evacuation and rescue operations highly challenging, with air support providing crucial assistance in isolating the battlefield and extracting the wounded.

Two soldiers were killed, likely by anti-tank missiles or mortar fire. The battle included close-quarters combat with Hezbollah terrorists, supported by tank and artillery shelling from the IDF.

In another incident during the day's fighting, a Golani Brigade medic from the 51st Battalion was critically injured in northern combat operations.

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IDF reports Air Force bases hit in Tuesday's Iranian missile attack, no damage to aircraft

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IDF reports Air Force bases hit by Iranian missiles, no damage to aircraft

Military confirms several bases received concentrated fire in Iranian strike, stresses Air Force remains fully operational

Yoav Zitun, Meir Turgeman|10:42

The IDF reported Wednesday that several Air Force bases were damaged in Tuesday's Iranian missile attack but emphasized that no aircraft were harmed, and upcoming missions remain unaffected.

The army credited its long-standing defense and operational integrity plan for successfully mitigating the impacts, highlighting the effectiveness of air defense systems like Iron Dome and Arrow, as well as infrastructure protection and emergency deployment strategies.

The Israeli Air Force praised the public's response, describing their adherence to Home Front Command instructions as "heroic," which helped prevent casualties. "Defense is based on knowing thousands of missiles and rockets will be fired while continuing operations without harm to personnel or aircraft," the military said. "No aircraft were damaged. Only administrative buildings and peripheral components were hit, with the core of our operations remaining secure."

Meanwhile, a CNN analysis revealed that missiles launched from Iran struck or landed near sensitive sites, including Mossad headquarters and Air Force bases in southern and central Israel.

The IDF added that while Iran used its most advanced missiles "without restraint," it did not deploy hypersonic missiles, which Tehran does not possess despite claims to the contrary.

"Iran knows, and we've proven, that we can strike any point in Iran. We won't respond directly but will act against them as we always have and will continue to do so according to our considerations," the IDF added. "The Iranian attack failed because it targeted our home front, not our military capabilities."

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Foreign Minister Israel Katz bans UN secretary-general from entering Israel after denouncing 'broadening of Middle East conflict' without mentioning Tehran
Itamar Eichner|08:08

Foreign Minister Israel Katz on Wednesday declared UN Secretary-General António Guterres a "persona non grata" in Israel, banning his entry into the country.

Katz condemned Guterres in an X post for his failure to unequivocally denounce Tuesday's Iranian missile attack on Israel, which targeted Israeli civilians, instead condemning "the broadening of the Middle East conflict with escalation after escalation" without mentioning Tehran.

"Anyone who cannot unequivocally condemn Iran's heinous attack on Israel, as almost every country in the world has done, does not deserve to step foot on Israeli soil," he wrote.

He also criticized Guterres for not condemning the October 7 Hamas attack, which saw widespread violence and atrocities, and for failing to lead efforts to declare Hamas a terrorist organization.

Pro-Israel protesters rally near UN chief's house

"A Secretary-General who gives backing to terrorists, rapists, and murderers from Hamas, Hezbollah, the Houthis, and now Iran—the mothership of global terror—will be remembered as a stain on the history of the UN," he further wrote.

An Israeli official further said that Guterres "crossed all the lines," citing his refusal to designate Hamas as a terror group and his defense of the UN's Palestinian relief agency, UNRWA, despite its alleged ties to Hamas in Gaza.

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International Criminal Court expected to decide on request for arrest warrants against Israeli leaders soon; critics say Israel missed chance for voluntary appearance
Itamar Eichner|04:53

The International Criminal Court (ICC) is close to deciding whether to issue arrest warrants for Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant, following a request by Chief Prosecutor Karim Khan. Speculation suggests the decision could coincide with the anniversary of the October 7 massacre, though a delay remains possible.

Israel has filed two objections, hoping to halt the process. One challenges the ICC's jurisdiction over the case, while the other accuses the prosecutor of violating court protocol by not allowing Israel to investigate the allegations independently. While these objections have briefly delayed the court's decision, there is little optimism in Jerusalem that they will succeed.

Should the ICC move forward with arrest warrants, Israel is expected to appeal. However, the appeal process could take months, and an appeal does not guarantee that the ruling will be overturned.

If warrants are issued, all 123 ICC member states would be obligated to arrest Netanyahu and Gallant if they enter their territories and extradite them to The Hague. The question of immunity for sitting officials remains unresolved, with past cases, such as deposed Sudanese despot Omar al-Bashir, illustrating the complexities of enforcing such warrants. The implications extend beyond the individuals targeted. The ICC decision could strain Israel's diplomatic relations, especially with key allies like France, Germany and the UK, which may advise Netanyahu and Gallant to avoid visits to prevent legal entanglements. Non-member states could also choose to arrest and extradite them, increasing the international pressure.

The issuance of warrants would imply that Netanyahu and Gallant are accused of war crimes and crimes against humanity, which could damage Israel's already fragile international standing. Countries such as Canada might even be pressured to sever ties with Israel's leadership. Furthermore, it could impact Israel's military operations, raising concerns about international sanctions and arms embargoes.

Israel's options to prevent the warrants are limited. One potential avenue is the formation of a state commission of inquiry into the events of October 7. However, Netanyahu has rejected the attorney general's recommendation to establish such a commission, leaving the country without a mechanism to assert it is investigating the matter internally.

If the warrants are issued, they could haunt Netanyahu and Gallant for life, limiting their international travel and exposing them to arrest, even after their terms in office end.

While Netanyahu could still travel to non-ICC member states such as the U.S. or Russia, ICC warrants would severely curtail his diplomatic reach.

The warrants would likely end any dialogue between Israel and the ICC. Netanyahu has accused Prosecutor Khan of political bias, and the Israeli government claims the ICC's

actions are politically motivated. Israel has made it clear that it will not negotiate or extradite its leaders to The Hague.

One factor that could influence the court's decision is the broader regional context. Significant developments, such as the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah or Netanyahu's role in brokering normalization with Saudi Arabia, could weigh on the court's deliberations. A source familiar with ICC operations suggested that arrest warrants would make Netanyahu a "persona non grata" in many Western nations, potentially forcing leaders like French President Emmanuel Macron to distance themselves.

Critics argue that Israel's handling of the ICC has been flawed. Though it does not formally recognize the court, Israel has engaged with it by submitting legal documents. Observers have noted that Israel missed an opportunity to negotiate a voluntary appearance for Netanyahu and Gallant, which could have allowed them to continue serving in their roles.

The situation recalls the 2014 case involving Kenyan President Uhuru Kenyatta, who faced charges at the ICC. Kenyatta temporarily relinquished his powers to attend a hearing, denying the charges and maintaining his role. His lawyer at the time, Karim Khan, is now the ICC's chief prosecutor. The trial continued in Kenyatta's absence, allowing him and then-Vice President William Ruto to retain their leadership positions.

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IDF expands ground operation in Lebanon, as 100 rockets fire at Galilee & Haifa

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IDF expands ground operation in southern Lebanon with elite divisions Army says 36th Division joins 98th Division in fighting as it issues evacuation warning for dozens more Lebanese villages; nearly 100 rockets fired from Lebanon since morning Yair Kraus, Yoav Zitun, Lior Ben Ari|03:32

The IDF announced on Wednesday that its 36th Division, including the Golani Brigade, the 188th Armored Brigade, the Etzioni Brigade and other units, has joined the ground offensive in southern Lebanon, targeting Hezbollah terror infrastructure. The operation is supported by airstrikes and artillery fire from the 282nd Fire Brigade.

Following a situational assessment, the army declared Tuesday night that the border towns of Dovev, Sasa and Malkia in the Upper Galilee were a closed military zone, with entry to these areas strictly prohibited. The move followed a similar closure in the border communities of Metula, Misgav Am and Kfar Giladi.

Meanwhile, IDF Arabic spokesperson Lt. Col. Avichay Adraee issued a warning to residents of 24 villages in southern Lebanon, urging immediate evacuation due to Hezbollah activity. "For your safety, you must leave your homes immediately," the statement read, adding that any civilian near Hezbollah fighters, facilities or weapons

risks their life. The IDF instructed residents to move north of the Awali River and avoid heading south.

The directive comes a day after the army had ordered residents of 29 southern Lebanese villages to evacuate.

Israel launched what it described as a "limited" ground incursion into its northern neighbor overnight Tuesday after nearly a year of cross-border exchanges of fire with the Iranian-backed terrorist group.

Images and videos of IDF forces in southern Lebanon were released Tuesday, with the army confirming that the 98th Division had raided Hezbollah terror infrastructure. Northern Command chief Maj. Gen. Ori Gordin held a situational assessment near the border with 98th Division Commander Brig. Gen. Guy Levy as forces advanced on their targets in Lebanon.

Under the command of the 98th Division, units currently fighting in Lebanon include the Paratroopers Brigade, the Commando Brigade and the 7th Armored Brigade. "During the raids, paratroopers uncovered dozens of weapons and combat positions, while fighters from the Egoz unit located and destroyed a Hezbollah rocket-launching and explosive storage site," said the IDF. The Air Force supported the ground operation with over 100 strikes on Hezbollah targets in the last 24 hours.

"We are carrying out a focused operation led by the 98th Division against Hezbollah's Radwan forces and offensive positions threatening northern Israel," Gordin told commanders during the situational assessment. "Our goal is to neutralize them and pave the way for the safe return of northern residents. We are determined, and you are leading the way—keep going."

Earlier Tuesday, the IDF revealed that more than 70 covert operations had been conducted in southern Lebanon this year, destroying thousands of Hezbollah weapons and over 30 tons of explosives intended for use in an invasion of the Galilee. These weapons had been hidden in tunnels and bunkers along the border and were part of Hezbollah's plan to occupy parts of northern Israel.

These revelations were partially intended to provide legitimacy for Israel's ground operation in southern Lebanon, which began with a covert entry under the cover of massive air and artillery bombardment. The 98th Division, which entered Lebanon from three separate battle groups that had previously fought in Gaza, has since secured key positions in the region.

The Paratroopers Brigade, Commando Brigade and 7th Armored Brigade are now engaged in combat in Lebanon, facing resistance from Hezbollah fighters, including advanced anti-tank threats. However, the IDF's extensive preemptive strikes on hundreds of targets in the area over the past year are expected to ease their path during the ongoing operation.

The IDF called up four reserve brigades and additional forces for operational tasks in northern Israel on Tuesday. "Their mobilization will support the ongoing combat efforts against Hezbollah and the achievement of the war's objectives, including the safe return of northern residents to their homes," a statement said.

Meanwhile, Hezbollah has fired nearly 100 rockets from Lebanon toward northern Israel since early Wednesday in more than 20 separate salvos. In one such attack, the Iranian-backed terrorist group fired approximately 20 rockets toward the Haifa Bay region, landing in unpopulated areas. Earlier, about 30 rockets were launched toward the Galilee, most of which were intercepted.

Short-range Burkan missiles struck the border villages of Shtula and Zar'it in the Upper Galilee, causing damage to homes and vehicles, but no injuries were reported. Residents of the area had been evacuated last October at the start of the war.

In the border town of Metula, at least ten homes were damaged in a barrage of a dozen rockets.

Meanwhile, Saudi outlet Al Hadath reported that the Israeli Air Force (IAF) conducted 17 bombing raids on the Dahieh district of Beirut, a Hezbollah stronghold. Four apartment complexes were reportedly destroyed.

"IAF fighter jets carried out a series of targeted strikes in Beirut against weapons production facilities and other terrorist infrastructure," the IDF said in a statement. "Steps were taken to minimize civilian casualties, including issuing advance warnings to residents in the area."

Hezbollah-affiliated newspaper Al Akhbar reported that IAF jets also attacked targets in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, while artillery fire struck several villages in southern Lebanon. The paper also reported that an Israeli drone targeted a motorcycle in Bint Jbeil, a town in southern Lebanon.

Lebanon's National News Agency reported Wednesday that three people were killed in an Israeli airstrike targeting a house in the town of Dibel, near Bint Jbeil.

Earlier on Wednesday, the IDF said Hezbollah had fired a rocket at central Israel, but it landed in an unpopulated area with no damage or injuries. No sirens were activated. The IDF Homefront Command instructed residents of the Upper Galilee, including Safed, to remain near shelters and avoid travel or large gatherings, anticipating further rocket fire in the coming hours.

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US Security Advisor Sullivan: Iranian missile attack on Israel is defeated and ineffective

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Sullivan: Iranian missile attack on Israel 'defeated and ineffective'

US national security advisor says attack successfully thwarted thanks to professional response of IDF and coordinated efforts of US military forces

Ynetnews|15:20

U.S. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan said Tuesday that Iran's ballistic missile attack on Israel did not result in any deaths or known damage to aircraft or strategic

military assets. "Based on what we know, this attack appears to have been defeated and ineffective," Sullivan said during a White House briefing.

Sullivan emphasized that the U.S. military worked closely with Israel in the defense effort, which included American naval destroyers assisting in intercepting the missiles. He added that the U.S. continues to work with the IDF and Israeli authorities to assess the full impact of the attack.

Iran launched over 180 ballistic missiles at Israel on Tuesday evening, and Israeli and American officials are investigating the reported death of a Palestinian in Jericho, believed to be linked to the missile fire.

Sullivan credited the limited damage and lack of casualties to the professionalism of the IDF and the joint defense preparations with U.S. forces. "We will consult with Israelis on the next steps, including how to respond and monitor further threats from Iran and its proxies," he said.

Earlier, U.S. President Joe Biden warned Iran of severe consequences if it attacked Israel. "This is a significant escalation by Iran," Sullivan told reporters. "It is equally significant that no one was killed in this attack, thanks to our coordinated efforts with Israel. We have made it clear that there will be severe consequences for this attack."

International condemnation followed the strike. German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock strongly condemned Iran's missile barrage, urging an immediate halt to the attack and warning of its dangerous escalation.

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's office also condemned the missile strike, calling for de-escalation across the region. Starmer reportedly spoke with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Jordan's King Abdullah II, according to Sky News.

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Blast rocks Tel Aviv, 180 missiles over Israel: Dramatic footage from Iran strike

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Blast rocks Tel Aviv, missiles over Temple Mount: Dramatic footage from Iran strike
Ballistic missile interceptions from Iran captured across Israel; multiple impacts recorded in Negev, while blast wave damages restaurant in northern Tel Aviv; large crater found at heavily damaged school in Gedera

Ynet|14:56

Approximately 180 ballistic missiles were launched from Iran toward Israel on Tuesday, sparking widespread defense operations across the country. The attack mirrored a similar large-scale strike in April, with dramatic footage emerging from various locations, including Gaza and Jordan, showing Israel's defense systems intercepting the missiles and documenting some of the impacts.

One particularly striking video from the Negev in southern Israel, which was reportedly targeted by Iran, showed a series of explosions lighting up the night sky, with multiple plumes of smoke resembling a wall of blasts. Footage of high-altitude missile interceptions, similar to those from April's attack, was captured across Israel, including in Samaria, Jerusalem and southern regions.

In another scene, filmed from the coastal city of Herzliya, a large explosion was visible, though no direct impact was reported in the city. However, a missile struck an open area in northern Tel Aviv, with the blast wave causing significant damage to a restaurant.

In Gedera, a missile made a direct hit on the Chabad Flame School, leaving a large crater outside the building and causing heavy damage. The school, part of a growing network of Chabad institutions, educates nearly 400 students. "Just thinking about how hundreds of students were here just hours ago, learning about Rosh Hashanah—it's a huge miracle," said the network's director Rabbi Eliyahu Krichovsky.

The Magen David Adom ambulance service (MDA) reported that two people in the Tel Aviv area were lightly wounded by shrapnel. Minor injuries were also reported nationwide, mainly from people running to shelters or suffering from shock.

The missile interceptions and impacts were widely shared on social media, even in Gaza and Jordan. In the West Bank, large missile fragments were found in the town of Sanur near Jenin, while in the Jericho area, a Palestinian worker from Gaza was reportedly killed by a missile strike.

IDF spokesperson Rear Admiral Daniel Hagari said in a statement: "We carried out numerous interceptions, and there have been only a few direct hits. We do not detect any additional aerial threats at this time, which is why we have issued instructions to leave the shelters." He urged the public to refrain from sharing information or footage, adding, "We are maintaining a high level of readiness and will continue to protect Israel's citizens."

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After barrage of 200+ missiles; what Iran faced so far is just a fraction of Israeli response

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'Response will be severe; what Iran faced so far is just a fraction,' Israeli official says
Israeli officials vow Jerusalem will not stand idle following barrage of over 200 missiles fired across country; Tehran says 'fully prepared for any retaliation'
Itamar Eichner, Yossi Yehoshua|13:14

Senior Israeli officials made it clear Tuesday evening that Israel will not remain silent in response to Iran's massive missile attack.

A security official vowed that "there will be a severe response," while another Israeli official stated, "What Iran has faced so far is just a fraction of what it will face now." A high-ranking government official added, "Israel has every legitimacy to deliver an unprecedented strike on Iranian soil—now is the time to strike at the head of the Iranian snake."

Preliminary assessments suggest that tonight's Iranian attack involved the launch of over 200 ballistic missiles. In recent days, Israel repeatedly warned that any attack by Tehran would be met with a harsh response, and earlier on Tuesday, the U.S. also warned Iran of "severe consequences" if it launched an attack. Against this backdrop, Israel issued its retaliatory threats this evening.

Iran's elite Revolutionary Guards added that they launched tens of missiles toward Israel and warned that if Israel retaliated Tehran's response would be "more crushing and destructive", Iranian state TV reported.

"After a period of restraint, Iran has targeted the heart of the occupied territories with tens of missiles following the martyrdom of (Hamas leader) Ismail Haniyeh ... the intensification of the Zionist regime's attacks on Lebanon and Gaza, the martyrdom of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah and (of) Guards Commander Abbas Nilforoushan."

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Iran & Lebanon launched 180+ missiles toward Tel Aviv: US & IDF intercept all

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Iran launches hundreds of ballistic missiles at Israel

180 ballistic missiles target Israel in extensive strike; Israeli officials vow retaliation; U.S. President Joe Biden says Americans participated in thwarting Iran's missiles
ynet correspondents|11:44

Israelis were instructed to immediately seek shelter as Iran launched an extensive missile strike at Israel. At the same time, Hezbollah fired rockets at vast areas of Israel. All flights at Ben Gurion Airport have been suspended.

A second wave of missiles was launched some 15 minutes after the first which is thought to be much larger.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard Corps said the attack was in retaliation for the assassination of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh in Tehran in July.

Aerial defenses intercept missiles and rockets all over Tel Aviv

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6 murdered, 9 injured in Tel Aviv, as heinous shooters exit light rail into a crowd

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6 murdered in a Tel Aviv terror attack; 2 terrorists killed

Reports indicate terrorists opened fire on people getting off the light rail on Jaffa's main road; at least nine individuals injured at varying severities

Lior Ohana, Liran Tamari|11:19

Six people were murdered on Tuesday in a terror shooting attack in Jaffa. Another nine people were injured with varying degrees of severity. An initial investigation into the attack suggested that two terrorists got off the light rail in the city and opened fire at a group of people on the street.

Security forces eliminated the two terrorists. The injured were evacuated by Magen David Adom (MDA) teams to Edith Wolfson Medical Center in Holon and Tel Aviv Sourasky Medical Center in Tel Aviv. The police dismissed suspicions of other terrorists being present at a hotel in Herzliya.

Israel Police Commissioner Daniel Levy arrived at the scene of the attack. "At this stage, we're aware that eight civilians were murdered by gunfire from weapons carried by the two terrorists. There are also injured individuals in various conditions. The two terrorists have been neutralized on-site. Large police forces are at the scene conducting extensive searches to act on any further suspicions," the police said in a statement.

Moti, the owner of a kiosk near the scene of the attack scene, said, "We heard continuous bursts of gunfire in all directions. We rushed outside in panic and saw several figures running down the street, possibly the terrorists. It was hard to watch."

Roy, who was in a nearby supermarket, recounted, "The terrorists shot at a store indiscriminately. Then I saw them running toward north Jaffa. The entire street was filled with wounded."

National Security Minister Itamar Ben-Gvir arrived on the scene and said he agreed with Commissioner Levy directing 13,000 volunteers from the local would be deployed immediately across the country following the murderous attack.

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Hezbollah fires rockets targeting Mossad headquarters & base housing north of Tel Aviv

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Hezbollah fires rockets at central Israel for 2nd time in day

Sirens sounded in the communities in the Sharon Plains and in the central parts of the West Bank as IDF aerial defenses intercepted the rocket fire

ynet correspondents|10:58

Hezbollah fired rockets at central Israel for the second time on Tuesday. Sirens were heard in the Sharon Plains as IDF aerial defenses intercepted some of the rocket fire.

A home sustained damage in a barrage of rockets fired at central Israel in the morning hours. The residents disabled couple said they had no shelter and attempted to cower in the safest spot in the house.

Hezbollah said they were targeting Mossad headquarters and the base housing IDF intelligence unit 8200, both situated north of Tel Aviv.

Four people were hurt in the attack, from intercept shrapnel and a rocket landed on a major highway.

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IDF breach vast weapon hoards in 70 Lebanon raids & collect enemy intelligence

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IDF uncover vast Hezbollah weapons, infrastructure in 70 Lebanon raids, IDF says
Military spokesperson says troops uncovered and destroyed underground infrastructure, struck thousands of targets and hundreds of weapons storage facilities, tons of explosives
Yoav Zitun|08:32

"Since the beginning of the war, the IDF has conducted dozens of targeted operations in areas near the border in southern Lebanon in order to dismantle Hezbollah's terrorist capabilities and infrastructure that pose a threat to Israeli civilian communities in northern Israel," The IDF said on Tuesday.

The announcement was made a day after IDF troops began a land offensive, described as limited in scope, into Lebanon.

Some of the operations were carried out up to 10 kilometers north of the border and according to military plans, 15 years in the making.

Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah's plan was for Radwan units numbering 4,000 to 6,000 men, disguised as civilians, to enter the area where equipment had been placed awaiting them to invade border area communities and abduct soldiers.

They were divided into groups, each numbering hundreds in battalions responsible for specific locations along the 135-kilometer (84 miles) border from the shore to the foothills of the Golan Heights.

The military said that based on precise intelligence, troops conducted targeted operations against Hezbollah compounds to dismantle the military capabilities of the terror group's Radwan force and prevent them from invading Israel as Hamas did on October 7.

"The soldiers identified and breached underground access points near the border area, exposed extensive weapon caches, assembly areas for terrorist operative operations, and more.

During these operations, the troops also collected valuable intelligence and methodically dismantled the weapons and compounds, including underground infrastructure and advanced weaponry of Iranian origin," the statement went on to say.

"The troops also uncovered and destroyed underground infrastructure, struck thousands of targets and hundreds of weapons storage facilities, tons of explosives, and hundreds of living areas for operatives, command centers and more. Some of the weapons were recovered and taken by the soldiers back into Israeli territory."

The IDF believes a few hundred Radwan troops remain active in the area and some 1,000 are further north near the Litani River and the coast. Most Radwan fighters fled north of the Litani, the military said.

IDF Spokesperson Daniel Hagari said that there are many villages in the border region of South Lebanon that have terror infrastructure in them and that the military's offensive was ongoing although he could not say how long it would last.

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Smotrich blocks PA banks supporting Nablus-Jenin violence before Jewish Holidays

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Soldiers hurt in Nablus raid as IDF eyes potential surge in West Bank violence

Military bolsters deployment ahead of the Jewish High Holidays and anniversary of Hamas massacre while pushing ahead with anti-terror operations that have already killed 100 terrorists

Elisha Ben Kimon 06:01

An IDF soldier was seriously wounded and three others suffered moderate injuries when troops clashed with terrorists during an operation in Nablus that began on Sunday. The military said the forces killed Abed Shahin, a terrorist responsible for attacks against forces, in the West Bank and for enlisting more operatives in the area around Nablus to carry out more attacks.

The counter-terrorism operations on the West Bank are not slowing down. On the contrary according to the Head of the Central Command Maj. Gen. Avi Bluth. Since the military launched its efforts to counter the surge of terror attacks late in August in attacks that murdered seven Israelis, some 100 terrorists have been killed and many others arrested.

Since then security forces have responded to the growing use of IED in the refugee camps. Troops confiscated materials that can be used to produce explosives such as fertilizers, destroyed explosives labs and arrested terror operatives connected with the supply chains that enable the production of such weapons. The military regard their achievement as critical and the IDF has bolstered its troop deployment to the area and currently has 25 battalions dedicated to the West Bank.

The events in Gaza and Lebanon, including the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, impact the events on the ground, a security official. But the coming month of Jewish holidays and October 7, which will mark a year since the Hamas massacre, are of greatest concern for the IDF, over efforts to destabilize security on the West Bank and the security forces including the Shin Bet are concentrating their efforts to prevent any such events.

Palestinian sources said that in the past month dozens of armed terrorists have surrendered to the Palestinian Authority Security Services (PA) including in the Nablus and Jenin refugee camps.

The PA is trying to project to the world an ability to rule over the West Bank cities, to legitimize its possible future rule over Gaza after the war. Palestinian officials are concerned over the sanctions imposed on them by far-right Finance Minister Bezalel Smotrich that have financial ramifications for the PA, and his threats to penalize Israeli banks that service the PA, which would cause further harm.

A security official said there is currently a tense routine. "We've seen marches of armed men and attempts to enlist support for Hezbollah and Hamas continues ceaselessly to control the Palestinian street and prompt mass riots. Until now, those efforts have not succeeded by but that does not mean they won't later. We are facing tense days. The West Bank can ignite at any moment."

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Iran fumbled its spiderweb 'axis of resistance'; as Hezbollah cornerstone is collapsing

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Tehran fumbles as world wonders about integrity of its 'axis of resistance'

International outlets raise doubts about Tehran's decades-long project across the Middle East, reporting that it is crumbling amid Nasrallah's assassination

Ynet|Updated:02:26

International reports have been covering Israel's war since October 7, 2023, which also involved its conflict against Iran-backed Hezbollah on the northern border. Now, with Hezbollah leadership decimated and amid IDF entrance into Lebanon, the outlets are wondering whether Tehran's "axis of resistance" made up of its proxies across the Middle East is falling apart.

"Iran came up with the strategy and invested tremendous resources to build each group's fighting abilities and connect them to one another," a New York Times article on the topic published on Monday read.

"But the axis' response as Israel has pummeled Hezbollah in Lebanon in recent weeks — killing many of its commanders and assassinating its leader — has so far been feeble, suggesting that the axis is weaker and more fragmented than many in the region had

expected and that Iran feared that widening the war could cause Israel to turn its firepower on Tehran," it added.

According to the American outlet: "The idea was simple: When a big war with Israel broke out, all the members of the Iranian-backed network of militias in the Middle East known as the 'axis of resistance' would join the fight in a coordinated push toward their shared goal of destroying the Jewish state."

Hezbollah was a senior member of Iran's axis, and the terror organization's Secretary-General Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli strike last week, was a leading figure. He had close ties to Iran and served as a "role model" for leaders of other pro-Iranian militias. According to the outlet, his assassination "badly shaken" the remaining members of the axis, who were likely unprepared for Hezbollah to suffer such significant losses.

At this point, the international community still hasn't fully understood why other members of Iran's alliance didn't aid Hezbollah in recent weeks. It appears that most of them believed the Shiite terror organization from Lebanon "could hold its own" against Israel." Additionally, Iran's vague and unclear response following the strike has left doubts in other members of Tehran's spiderweb.

The New York Times reviewed the involvement of these militias and noted it took Syria two days to issue a statement on Nasrallah's death, despite Hezbollah sending thousands of terrorists to help them fight the country's civil war which set off in 2011.

Hamas, after a year of fighting in Gaza, is incapable of doing much to help. Yemen's Houthis and militias in Syria and Iraq launched attacks on Israel or U.S. bases in the Middle East, but most were thwarted. Two pro-Iranian militias' commanders in Iraq said that they "had received no instructions from Iran on how to respond. Everyone was still in shock at Nasrallah's killing."

NBC also addressed the issue in an article titled "Is Iran's 'axis of resistance' collapsing under Israeli attacks?" In an extensive report on the activities of Iran's pro-Iranian militias, the outlet wrote that "Israeli airstrikes that wiped out Hezbollah's top leadership and left its internal security in tatters are a devastating blow to Iran's decades-long project." This project, according to former U.S. intelligence officials who spoke with NBC, took decades to build and aimed to project power in the Middle East via Iran's proxy network.

Iran viewed Hezbollah as a cornerstone of its strategic plan to arm proxies in various regions across the Middle East. In addition to arming Hezbollah and terror groups in Gaza, militias in Iraq, Syria and Yemen were also armed, allowing Iran to one day attack Israel through its proxies and avoid direct confrontation.

According to former intelligence officials, however, Iran miscalculated Israel's response to the events and overestimated the strength of the proxy network it built — leading to its collapse.

According to NBC, Israel began targeting the Iran-backed Houthis after it dealt heavy blows to Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon. This Iranian militia in Yemen had made numerous threats against Israel since the war began, attacked ships connected to Israel and launched missiles and drones toward Israeli territory. However, they were also hit twice in significant airstrikes by Israeli fighter jets in retaliation.

Meanwhile, as Iran's militias suffer consequent blows, Tehran shows no willingness or intent to intervene in the conflict directly. Although they frequently threaten Israel with a harsh response, they also stressed Hezbollah's capabilities, asserting the terror group can handle the situation alone.

"All the resistance forces in the region support and stand alongside Hezbollah," Iran's Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei said following the terror group chief's death. "The fate of this region will be determined by the forces of resistance, with Hezbollah at the forefront."

According to former intelligence and defense officials, however, this decision could cost Tehran dearly as it raises questions among other militias about Iranian support when it's needed. The New York Times reported on growing uncertainty surrounding Iran's response to Nasrallah's assassination, which represents the most severe blow Israel has delivered not only to the terror group but also to Iran's entire axis.

According to the report, there are disagreements within the Ayatollah regime on the nature of the response against Israel, with more extreme factions calling for a swift retaliation to "deter" Jerusalem, while more moderate elements, including Iran's President Masoud Pezeshkian, advocate avoiding what they claim is an "Israeli trap."

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Brigade raids in Lebanon, breached Hezbollah bunkers reserved for fighting IDF

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Ground operation in Lebanon will be more complex than Gaza, IDF says

Amid reports that IDF has crossed Lebanese border, senior IDF officer tells Ynet: 'The soldiers felt like caged lions. Everyone understands that there is no other way to return northern residents to their homes except to physically remove Hezbollah from the border'
Yoav Zitun | 17:02

The 36th Division of the Northern Command has already had time to forget about its maneuvers in the Shejaiya neighborhood of Gaza City at the beginning of the year and the opening of the Netzarim Corridor for the first time in November. The fighters of the Golani and 188th Brigades deployed on the Lebanese border in recent months have completed the final preparations to cross the border for the first time since the summer of 2006, and they are not alone.

The IDF's elite 98th Division, which led the raids in the Gaza Strip as part of the third phase of the fight against Hamas, was diverted to the north in the last month. In recent days the IDF has made several significant decisions and changes regarding its preparations, the purpose of which was to speed up and complete the preparations for the ground operation against Hezbollah.

"We have crossed the Rubicon; battalions and brigades are deep in combat procedures, and entire reserve units have carried out successful brigade exercises and adjustments

from Gaza to Lebanon. We are far from a decision to enter Lebanon," a senior IDF officer assessed earlier Monday in a conversation with Ynet. "The soldiers are determined and alert; We also trained under fire in the north and there are fighters here who performed Sisyphean defense tasks and felt like caged lions. The great IDF trained and prepared and equipped over the years for the mastermind of enemy number one - Hezbollah."

At the political level there are those who are still debating and hesitating about whether to use the ground punch against Hezbollah in addition to the blows that the Shia terrorist army keeps taking from the Air Force. The IDF, for its part, presented to the cabinet renewed confidence in the infantry and tank soldiers who fought inside Gaza for many months and, despite the great attrition, many of the regiments, regular and reserve, have been re-energized and strengthened.

"The soldiers understand that there is no choice and this is the feeling among the commanders as well - there is no other way to return the residents of the north to their homes other than physically removing Hezbollah from the border area, and this can only be done with a ground entry," said the senior officer. Two preliminary signs of the operation have arrived in recent days: a report in the Wall Street Journal indicating that elite units of the IDF conducted preliminary raids in southern Lebanon, and a call by the IDF to the few residents remaining in towns and villages, such as in the Mount Dov area, to evacuate.

The IDF was able to convince the political echelon that the conditions for such a move are much better today than in October or November, based on the following data: the thousands of regular daily attacks by the Northern Command on Hezbollah's infrastructure and positions in southern Lebanon that have depleted a high percentage of the capabilities with which it was prepared to operate against the IDF; The removal of thousands of skilled Radwan force operatives to the north of the Litani River (one can assume that their movement back south will be detected by the IDF and will result in them being fired on); the evacuation of most of the Lebanese and Israeli citizens from the border areas and the severe blow that Hezbollah suffered in the pager attack and the elimination of its senior commanders which fatally damaged its command and control capabilities on ground combat operations against the IDF.

Northern Command prepares for combat in Lebanon

And yet, the IDF states, this will be a more difficult and complex maneuver than the one against Hamas, since Hezbollah has not yet used some of its capabilities, including the underground bunkers reserved for fighting against the IDF. It is estimated that the IDF has several options for ground action: the largest includes an extensive reach up to the center of Lebanon, where Hezbollah has military outposts in the form of many launchers of precision missiles and long-range rockets and probably also facilities for the production of weapons.

Last month, the IDF announced for the first time that its plans also include the possibility of operations deep in Lebanon. The forces of the 98th Division, including the regular and reserve paratrooper brigades as well as the commando brigade (which went up almost

entirely to the north) have the ability to perform with the capabilities of a prolonged independent stay in enemy territory without supplies.

Another alternative is a limited operation, in the style of Operation Protective Edge in Gaza in 2014, to clear Hezbollah's presence in the kilometers adjacent to the border and occupy the territory in them until a cease-fire agreement is reached that will include the full withdrawal of the Lebanese army to these areas that observe and control the rockets trained on the Israeli side.

"That's the only way, when the residents see it with their own eyes and don't just hear about assassinations from afar and numbers of targets that were attacked from the air, trust will allow the return of the children to their homes after what happened on October 7," a security official said Monday.

There are those in the political elite who hesitate and hope that the international community led by the U.S. and France will now impose a cease-fire that will include implementation of UN Resolution 1701 from the end of the Second Lebanon War, which prohibits the presence of Hezbollah south of the Litani River.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant has already hinted that his position is similar to that of the IDF, and he pushed with all his might to approve a ground operation against Hezbollah. The IDF will demand to proactively and aggressively enforce any such agreement in the future, even in days of calm, and to damage the establishment of a renewed position or presence of Hezbollah near the border; this goes against the government's policy of containment over the years, which allowed the Shiite terrorist organization to fully establish itself in southern Lebanon and its terrorists to reach the perimeter fence, alongside the establishment of dozens of terrorist outposts in front of the houses of Shlomi, Kiryat Shmona and Metula.

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Iran hackers claim cyber-data breach of nuclear academic research system in Israel

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Iranian hackers claim to breach nuclear research center system in Israel

The group Handala claims to have stolen nearly 200 gigabytes of data from the Soreq Nuclear Research Center; PM office says the 'incident is known and under investigation' Raphael Kahan | 14:38

An Iranian hacker group known as Handala announced on Sunday that it had allegedly breached the Soreq Nuclear Research Center and stolen 197 gigabytes of data.

The group is believed to be a cyber arm of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps, and the attack was purportedly in retaliation for the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah on Friday.

While no evidence has been provided to confirm the attack or its success, Handala's claims are considered credible, and it often releases proof of its hacks. However, the

group has, on occasion, falsely claimed successful attacks by recycling old data. For example, the group recently re-released private images supposedly stolen from the phones of former Israeli Defense Minister Benny Gantz, former Foreign Minister Gabi Ashkenazi, and former Prime Minister Ehud Barak. They also claim to possess sensitive communications and emails from these officials, though without offering any proof.

The aim: Psychological impact

Handala was behind a cyberattack on Sheba Medical Center three months ago, when data was stolen from a biotechnology company associated with the hospital. The group has also targeted other entities within Israel, often publishing the stolen data. Its primary objective appears to be psychological warfare –creating public anxiety and pressure. This tactic is popular among countries like Iran and Russia, the latter being considered a mentor to Iranian cyber tactics.

The Soreq Nuclear Research Center serves the civilian and academic sectors, providing research infrastructure for companies and universities. Its research spans fields such as food safety, electro-optics, laser development, nuclear testing and air pollution detection. Founded in 1958 near Yavne with U.S. support, the center is not involved in defense activities but represents the cutting edge of Israeli scientific research.

At this stage, until the hackers release verifiable data, their claims should be treated with caution. However, given the group's track record, it cannot be dismissed outright. Israeli authorities take the protection of such critical infrastructure seriously and, hopefully, this is either an empty boast or one that does not involve sensitive information.

The Prime Minister's Office, speaking on behalf of the Israel Atomic Energy Commission, said in a statement: "The incident is known and under investigation. The Soreq Nuclear Research Center maintains the highest level of information security protocols, in line with national security regulations."

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Shin Bet warning; Iran is recruiting Israeli civilians to harm senior Israeli officials

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Shin Bet says foiled several Iranian assassination attempts in Israel

In an unusual message from the country's security agency, the Shin Bet, asks the public to be vigilant and report suspicious activity; says Iran has stepped up its efforts

Yoav Zitun|10:09

The Shin Bet has made an unusual announcement, accompanied by a serious warning and a request for public assistance. The security service warned on Monday of an Iranian intention to carry out "assassination attacks in Israel," announced that "significant countermeasures" had recently been carried out and demanded that "whenever a doubt or suspicion arises, report it immediately to the security services."

“In recent weeks, the Shin Bet has detected a significant rise in Iran’s efforts to advance assassination attacks against targets in Israel,” the agency announced.

In response, the Shin Bet carried out countermeasures described as "very significant" against the planned attacks, some in very advanced stages of planning and readiness. The Shin Bet added that the details of some of these planned attacks have not yet been released to the public.

Two weeks ago, the Shin Bet revealed Hezbollah's attempt to assassinate former Chief of Staff Moshe (Bogie) Ya'alon in Yarkon Park, and that it had foiled another attack by the terrorist organization against a former security official. Two hours after that announcement by the Shin Bet, thousands of pagers exploded in Lebanon, in what foreign publications reported was the opening salvo to the blows that Hezbollah has suffered.

In its announcement on Monday, the Shin Bet reported that Iran is working to recruit Israeli civilians to harm senior Israeli officials, as was recently revealed in the investigation and arrest of Ashkelon resident Moti Maman, against whom an indictment was recently filed for serious security offenses.

In addition, the Shin Bet said, the Iranians are working even harder to recruit Israeli citizens via the Internet. Iranian officials are trying to locate Israelis on various websites and platforms on the Internet, with an emphasis on websites and channels dealing with cryptocurrency, finance and on-line job searches.

Iranian authorities offer those Israelis contacted on the internet a large payment to carry out various tasks, including hiding money and phones in various places in Israel, distributing flyers and writing graffiti, setting fire to vehicles and physically harming people.

In many cases, at the time of establishing the relationship and at its beginning, the same Iranian officials present themselves as those who seek to "employ" the same Israeli citizen to carry out seemingly innocent tasks for payment. But in a short time the requested "tasks" become dangerous, threatening the security of the state and its citizens. “The Shin Bet asks the public to pay increased attention and take extra caution in any case where suspicion arises, in accordance with the detailed procedures, especially when the sums involved are large and are not suited to the nature of the requested tasks, or if the requested tasks are unusual,” the agency say. "If such doubt or suspicion arises, must be reported immediately to the security services."

"The Shin Bet works to thwart Iranian activity within Israel and throughout the network, views with great severity any action by Israeli citizens on behalf of Iranian entities, whether minor or serious, and will work to exhaust justice with all the tools at its disposal, with anyone who comes into contact with those entities or acts to carry out tasks for them," the organization clarified.

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Hezbollah commanders flee to Syria, Iran to send thousands to Lebanese border

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Iran is likely seeking to avoid a regional war, and security officials in the US and several Middle Eastern countries suggest Nasrallah's assassination is unlikely to trigger such a conflict, Bloomberg also reports
Ynetnews|09:23

As the world speculates about Iran's "next move" in the wake of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah's assassination, concerns grow over potential retaliation. Meanwhile, reports from the U.S. indicate preparations for a possible attack from Iranian territory.

However, according to a report by Bloomberg, Iran is likely seeking to avoid a regional war. Current and former officials in the U.S. and several Middle Eastern countries suggest Nasrallah's assassination is unlikely to trigger such a conflict.

Instead, Iran is expected to focus on rebuilding Hezbollah and keeping its proxies across the region active for as long as possible.

Bloomberg highlights the severe blow Hezbollah, and by extension, Iran, suffered with the assassination of Nasrallah and Hezbollah's top leadership. They also note a cautious statement issued by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who declared that the region's future will be shaped by the "forces of resistance," but stopped short of issuing a direct threat against Israel.

A source familiar with the operations of Iran-backed militias in Iraq and Syria said Hezbollah's allies in these countries are now expected to play a central role in smuggling resources to the Lebanese terror group.

The same source added that Iran will now also try to move thousands of fighters to the border areas of Lebanon and Syria and, according to him, thousands of fighters have already moved from Iraq to Syria in recent months - a move that probably indicates that Iran is preparing to strengthen its forces in the region, apparently for the purposes of "deterrence."

Bloomberg also reports that since Hezbollah began assisting the Assad regime in the Syrian civil war in 2012, the Shiite terrorist organization has built bases and a "sophisticated" network of tunnels in various areas of Syria close to the border with Lebanon. A source familiar with the details noted that many Hezbollah field commanders recently fled Lebanon to Syria along with their families.

Meanwhile, a drone exploded on Monday at a horse farm in Merom Golan, meters from kids, injuring horses on Golan Heights.

No sirens were activated anywhere nearby, to warn of the attack. There were no injuries reported but a fire broke out and was handled by the local emergency response team. Two horses were injured by shrapnel.

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Syrian civil war opened Israel's deep dive technology to listen to Hezbollah

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Syrian civil war opened doors for Israel's deep dive into Hezbollah, report

The internal strife created a unique intelligence opportunity for Israel to leverage technological superiority; Israel gathered extensive insights, reshaping its strategic approach and maintaining a vigilant stance against potential threats

Lior Ben Ari, Alexandra Lukash|Updated:05:37

The Syrian civil war played a pivotal role in enabling Israel's extensive intelligence penetration into Hezbollah, effectively transforming it into a vast repository of insights on Hezbollah operatives, according to an in-depth report in the British Financial Times.

In the article titled "How Israeli Spies Infiltrated Hezbollah," a former senior Lebanese politician said Hezbollah operatives had to "expose themselves in Syria," sharing information with Assad's corrupt intelligence services or the Russian intelligence agencies, which were under constant American surveillance.

Following the 2006 Second Lebanon War, Israel recalibrated its intelligence strategy towards Hezbollah. This refocus was accompanied by technological advancements that became "insurmountable," including satellites, advanced drones, and even capabilities to hack mobile phones, transforming them into listening devices or, as Hassan Nasrallah noted in one of his speeches, into agents.

When Hezbollah deployed its forces to support Assad against the uprising and later to combat ISIS, Israel seized the opportunity. An "intelligence tapestry" emerged, detailing the roles and responsibilities within Hezbollah, identifying who advanced, who was deemed "corrupt," and who precisely returned from ambiguous travels.

According to the Financial Times, once Israel identified Hezbollah operatives, their daily behavioral patterns were meticulously logged into a database, drawing data from their vehicle, locations, and even their spouse's mobile phone.

Destruction in downtown Beirut

Israeli sources told the FT that security footage or the operative's voice recorded nearby could also be exploited by Israel. Any deviation from the norm, as reported, triggers alerts for Israeli intelligence officers, enabling them to assess whether these operatives intend to launch an attack.

The Syrian civil war, as described by the former senior Lebanese politician, was the "price of supporting Assad," forcing operatives to expose themselves.

The Financial Times further said that in recent months or years, Israeli intelligence refined a technique that intermittently allowed them to pinpoint the location of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, who was assassinated last Friday at the main underground command center of the terrorist organization in the Dahieh.

The British publication said that throughout more than ten months of ongoing conflict, Israel concentrated on lower-ranking Hezbollah operatives, a focus to which senior figures in the organization had grown accustomed.

Between the two sides, well-defined red lines appeared to exist, and Hezbollah hoped the campaign would conclude with a ceasefire. However, Israel did not dismiss the potential for a massacre akin to that of October 7 occurring in northern communities—and acted accordingly.

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US & French oppose clearing south Lebanon, for displaced Israeli to go home

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Israeli special ops breach Hezbollah tunnels near border, report
Repeated incursions into Hezbollah's underground tunnel system in South Lebanon aimed to gather intelligence and diminish the terror group's military capabilities ahead of a possible ground offensive
ynet|04:36

IDF special ops fighters entered Hezbollah rockets along the Lebanese border with Israel to gather intelligence and in preparation for the military's possible land offensive that could come as early as this week, the Wall Street Journal reported on Monday. In the report, the raids took place in recent months as part of the IDF's attempts to diminish Hezbollah's military capabilities along the border.

Officials told the paper that the timing of an IDF ground offensive could change and that The Israeli government was under heavy pressure from the Biden administration, to avoid an extensive operation.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant hinted on Monday that an incursion into Lebanon was close. We will use all of the military capabilities including yours, he told Armored Corps and infantry troops deployed to the border.

On Sunday, U.S. President Joe Biden said a broader conflict must be avoided and that he along with French president Emmanuel Macron and other allies were working hard to secure a temporary cease-fire that would allow for a diplomatic solution to the conflict to be agreed.

ABC News reported on Sunday that the military may soon launch small scale attacks across the border into Lebanon to debilitate Hezbollah's positions there. American officials told the network that a ground offensive if launched, would be limited in scope." The key is fulfilling the promise to Israelis that the tens of thousands displaced from northern Israel will be able to go home. To do that, decapitating Hezbollah is not enough, " the officials said

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IDF thwarts Yemen Houthi & Lebanon strike targeting Israeli offshore natural gas rig

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IDF thwarts possible strike on offshore gas rig

Military releases images of an attack drone intercepted after it enters Israeli economic waters from the north; Houthi rebels also threatened to strike gas drilling and other Israeli energy installations after July Hodeidah port attack

Yoav Zitun|02:41

The IDF said on Monday that its aerial defenses shot down an attack drone that entered Israel's economic waters from the north, believed to have been targeting and offshore natural gas rig.

The suspected attempt to attack Israel's natural gas infrastructure came days after the IDF assassinated Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah and many of his senior commanders in a strike on the Hezbollah stronghold in Beirut.

The terror group on Monday confirmed the death of one more of its senior officials, Ali Karki, who was with Nasrallah in the command bunker that was bombed.

Hezbollah had reportedly made numerous attempts to target offshore drilling for natural gas since the war began, most recently last week.

In July, a naval vessel, in cooperation with the Air Force, successfully intercepted an unmanned aircraft entering the economic waters from Lebanon.

Houthi rebels in Yemen also said they planned to retaliate against Israel for its July attack on the port of Hodeidah, by attacking Israel's natural gas rigs in the Mediterranean and other energy facilities, the Hezbollah-affiliated newspaper Al-Akhbar reported.

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Strike on Yemen Houthi port disrupts fuel supply & severely impacts capabilities

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Strike on Hodeidah port disrupts Houthi fuel supply, military says

Gallant says cost of attacking Israel 'seen on television screens around the world' in response to repeated missile launches by Houthi rebels

Yoav Zitun|15:24

The IDF said Sunday that it launched airstrikes on the Houthi-controlled port of Hodeidah and nearby targets in Yemen after the rebel group repeatedly fired missiles at Israel.

Dozens of Israeli fighter jets bombed the city's power station and port, hitting infrastructure used for oil intake as well as an oil depot that had been spared in a previous Israeli strike in July in retaliation for a deadly drone strike on Tel Aviv.

The IDF said the attack has halted fuel supplies through the seaport and is expected to severely impact the Houthis' military capabilities. "This time we targeted the Houthis' bottleneck," the military said.

The IDF confirmed that Air Force jets, which flew 1,800 kilometers (1,120 miles) from Israel, refueled mid-flight during the operation.

Defense Minister Yoav Gallant was present at the Air Force command center during the strikes. "The military's ability to strike on seven fronts almost simultaneously speaks volumes about its strength," Gallant said. "We are targeting the tentacles of Iran that are spread across the region."

Gallant praised the IDF's long-range capabilities, saying, "These strikes send a clear message to those who seek to harm us: Israel will exact a heavy price, and we mean it. The cost of attacking Israel is seen on television screens around the world."

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Rumor Sinwar may be dead; Hamas halts meetings to written messages to avoid tracking

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IDF chief's cryptic photo sparks questions as Sinwar vanishes after Gaza strike
Army releases photo showing IDF chief seated in front of screen with picture of Hamas leader and question mark over his face, amid rumors Sinwar may be dead; speculation grew after reports he went incommunicado
Yoav Zitun|14:50

The IDF released a photo Sunday evening showing Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi at his desk, with an infographic in the background featuring a picture of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar with a question mark over his face.

Speculation has grown in Israel over the past week regarding Sinwar's status, with rumors circulating about whether he has been killed or injured after reports that he has been out of contact.

However, defense officials said there is no concrete information confirming his whereabouts, and no recent targeted strikes have been reported in areas where Sinwar was believed to be.

On Saturday, Saudi-based Al Arabiya reported that Sinwar changed his location in Gaza following the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah in Beirut. The report also claimed that Hamas has adjusted its security protocols for Sinwar and other leaders in recent days.

Sources told Al Arabiya that Hamas leaders are seeking guarantees in any future cease-fire agreement to ensure their safety. Additionally, Hamas has halted organizational

meetings in Lebanon and restricted internal communications to written correspondence to avoid potential Israeli interception or tracking of senior officials' locations.

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Netanyahu former critic since 2020; Gideon Sa'ar rejoins Security Cabinet inner circle

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New Hope Party leader Gideon Sa'ar rejoins government amid war
Veteran lawmaker assigned minister without portfolio, will be appointed to Security Cabinet and included in Netanyahu's inner circle of defense consultations
Moran Azulay|11:46

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Sunday that New Hope Party leader Gideon Sa'ar is set to rejoin the government as a minister without portfolio, marking his second return to the government during the ongoing war.

He will also be included in the inner circle of war consultations and serve as a member of the Security Cabinet.

Sa'ar's return to government comes after years of tension between him and Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Once a close ally and a senior figure in the prime minister's ruling Likud party, Sa'ar broke away from Likud in 2020 to form the New Hope Party, citing deep disagreements with Netanyahu's leadership and policies. Sa'ar had previously held key roles under Netanyahu's leadership, including serving as minister of education and the interior. However, his defection was seen as a direct challenge to Netanyahu, as Sa'ar became one of his most vocal critics, positioning himself as an alternative leader on the right.

In the early days of the war, Sa'ar joined an emergency unity government with Netanyahu under the National Unity alliance with former IDF chiefs of staff Benny Gantz and Gadi Eisenkot, taking part in the War Cabinet.

Sa'ar, Gantz and Eisenkot resigned from the Cabinet in June, citing their inability to influence key decision-making processes.

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IDF strikes Yemen's Houthi-Iran militia airport, seaports, oil tanks & power stations

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IDF strikes ports and power stations in Houthi-controlled Hodeidah

Army says airstrikes focused on key military infrastructure in Ras Issa and Hodeidah, including power stations and ports used for importing oil; 'Israel can strike powerfully even 2,000 kilometers away,' official says in message to Iran

Lior Ben Ari|09:30

The IDF said it carried out a large-scale aerial operation on Sunday, striking what it described as "Houthi-controlled military targets in Yemen," about 1,800 kilometers (1,120 miles) from Israel's border.

"The airstrikes focused on key military infrastructure in the Ras Issa and Hodeidah regions, including power stations and a port used for importing oil. These facilities were being used by the Iranian-backed Houthi regime to transfer weapons and military supplies, including oil, to their forces," a statement read.

According to the army, dozens of aircraft, including fighter jets, tankers and reconnaissance planes, participated in the operation, which was directed by the Military Intelligence Directorate.

The IDF said the operation was in direct retaliation for recent Houthi missile attacks on Israel. Over the past year, the Houthi regime has intensified its activities against Israel, working closely with Iranian militias in Iraq to destabilize the region and disrupt global shipping routes.

Hezbollah-affiliated Lebanese network Al Mayadeen reported that more than 10 airstrikes targeted the port, causing significant explosions that "shook the city." Yemeni sources added that "Israel destroyed what remained of the oil tanks at Hodeidah port" and also struck the city's international airport.

A senior Israeli official said that the attack was coordinated with the United States before conducting the airstrike in Yemen. Al Mayadeen reported that an American source said the U.S. "gave the green light to the enemy and must bear the consequences."

The incident follows a recent spike in missile activity from Yemen, where just Saturday night, a surface-to-surface missile was fired toward Israel, triggering air raid sirens across several regions. The missile was successfully intercepted outside Israeli territory.

An Israeli official explained that the goal of the strike was to impose a heavy toll on the Houthis for their attacks on Israel. "If they continue targeting Israel, the strikes will intensify," the official warned. He added that the message to Iran was clear, emphasizing that "Israel can strike powerfully even 2,000 kilometers away and simultaneously across multiple fronts. Today, we struck in Gaza, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen."

The official further said that the damage inflicted on the Houthis was substantial and would take them a long time to recover.

This latest missile was the second launched by the Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in the past three days, adding to growing tensions.

Earlier this month, the Houthis fired a missile at Israel, partially intercepted near Ben Gurion Airport, raising concerns over Israeli deterrence.

Israel struck the Hodeidah port in July following a deadly drone strike in Tel Aviv—claimed by the Houthis. The drone attack at the time killed one person and injured 10 others.

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IDF targets senior Hezbollah weapons & drugs commander in fresh Beirut strike

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IDF targets senior Hezbollah commander in fresh Dahieh strike

Strike reportedly targets commander of Unit 1600, which oversees production materials for rockets and missiles, as well as drug manufacturing operations organization traffics globally to fund its activities

Yoav Zitun|09:17

The IDF resumed airstrikes on Sunday, targeting the Dahieh district in Beirut, a Hezbollah stronghold. The main target of the attack was reportedly the commander of Hezbollah's Unit 1600, a division responsible for developing missile and rocket materials, as well as weapons production. Unit 1600 is also allegedly behind the production and trafficking of the addictive, amphetamine-type stimulant drug Captagon, which funds Hezbollah's global terrorist activities.

The unit's highly restricted bases are located within civilian neighborhoods, with access granted only to those with personal authorization from Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah or his cousin, Hashem Safieddine. Safieddine, seen as Nasrallah's successor, was also reportedly targeted in a separate Israeli strike on Saturday.

In the early hours, another strike was reported in Dahieh, raising tensions as Hezbollah revealed on Sunday the identities of senior commanders who died alongside Nasrallah. Among them was Ali Karaki, third in command and the commander of Hezbollah's southern front, who had previously survived an Israeli assassination attempt, and Nabil Qaouk, a central council member in charge of internal security.

Hezbollah confirmed that Nasrallah's body was recovered from the underground command bunker bombed on Friday. While Hezbollah's initial statement did not detail the exact circumstances of his death, sources indicated that Nasrallah had no visible wounds, and the likely cause of death was blunt trauma from the force of the blast.

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New reserve squadron intelligence—ensured Nasrallah didn't flee before the strike

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Pilots reveal: The tactical feints that led to Nasrallah's assassination

After leading successful assassination mission targeting Hezbollah leader in Beirut, 69th Squadron commander calls operation 'historic,' emphasizing precision, team effort and emotional impact; 'We knew exactly who the target was'

Yoav Zitun|08:53

Following the airstrike that eliminated Hezbollah Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah and key operatives, Hatzetim Air Base commander Brig. Gen. Amichai Levin hailed the operation as a historic military success.

In an interview, Levin explained, "Dozens of bombs hit the target within seconds, and no anti-aircraft missiles were fired." The precision strike took out Nasrallah's command bunker in Beirut's Dahieh district, a move Israel hopes will reshape the strategic landscape in the Middle East.

Levin, in command for just two weeks before the operation, said the mission was a critical step toward achieving Israel's war objectives. "Nasrallah was the central figure in the Shiite axis," he said, adding that his elimination would significantly impact Hezbollah and Iran's regional strategies.

The operation, conducted by Israel's elite 69th Squadron, was executed with high-level coordination between intelligence and military units. "The intelligence provided was incredibly precise, which allowed for such a successful mission," Levin said.

He emphasized that the mission showcased a level of decisiveness and initiative that had been missing before October 7, when Israel was caught off guard by surprise attacks from Hamas.

"This is my most important lesson from that day because we must act aggressively and proactively against those who seek to harm us and there are more of them. The mission is not over and we will keep striking Hamas at its roots as we deal with the northern threat." Elimination of Hassan Nasrallah: The radio communications of the Commanding Officer of the Israeli Air Force, Maj. Gen. Tomer Bar and the Commander of the 69th Squadron (IDF)

69th Squadron commander Lt. Col. M. noted that his wife is from a kibbutz near the northern border and her family was evacuated at the beginning of the war. "This is a significant firepower with many planes. We waited for a few days until an opportunity arose. People realized this was an unusual opportunity, and therefore they had to know how to succeed and be very precise. Young teams that had only completed training a year ago, along with 50-year-olds in the reserves, participated in the mission.

"We knew exactly who was the target"

The squadron commander led the formation alongside a reservist pilot. Describing the mission, Lt. Col. M. said, "The operation went smoothly, exactly as planned. We knew exactly who was the target."

Following the landing, the emotional commander reflected on the significance of the mission. "I hugged the crew because you probably only do something this big and historic once in a lifetime. The second hug was for my technical officer, who worked tirelessly to arm the planes. His brother was killed on the Lebanese border. The third was to my family, at Friday night dinner. We didn't talk much, waiting for results, but they understood."

Lt. Col. M. revealed that the target's identity was kept secret until just hours before the operation. "When the pilots learned who the target was, they understood the mission's value and risk."

Brig. Gen. Levin added, "The key operational challenge was precise intelligence—ensuring the target didn't flee before the strike. We employed creative tactics to ensure success." He noted that Hezbollah's anti-aircraft defenses were neutralized prior to the operation, and the pilots synchronized a large amount of ordnance, striking within seconds of each other.

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US Secretary Austin "blew up" when informed of Beirut attack; risking US interests

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'Small scale' movements into Lebanon may have started, US officials say

Netanyahu promised to continue attacking into Lebanon and Gallant met with IDF chief of staff to discuss 'expansion of military action' in north; ABC News reports Sunday morning that small-scale cross-border operations may have begun, or will soon begin, in order to destroy Hezbollah positions; 'Not enough to behead organization to return residents of north to their homes

Yoav Zitun|Yesterday | 23:56

Small-scale operations or cross-border movements have begun, or will soon begin, into Lebanon in order to disable Hezbollah positions located right on the border with Israel, ABC News reported on Sunday morning, citing two American sources.

The report comes hours after other reports in U.S. media, including by CNN, which reported that Israel is preparing for a ground maneuver in Lebanon. The sources who spoke with ABC emphasized that Israel does not appear to have finally decided whether to launch a ground operation against Hezbollah, but, according to them, it is ready for it.

The officials also emphasized, as recently clarified by IDF officials, that if a ground operation happens its scope will be limited. The key is fulfilling the promise to Israelis that the tens of thousands displaced from northern Israel will be able to go home. To do that, decapitating Hezbollah is not enough, the officials said, referring to the assassination of the leader of the Shiite terrorist organization Hassan Nasrallah on Friday night.

The reports come as Israeli officials signal that the elimination of Hezbollah will indeed not be enough to complete the goal of returning the residents of the north to their homes. Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu clarified in a televised statement on Saturday night that Israel will "continue to strike at its enemies," and Defense Minister Yoav Gallant announced that he was holding an operational situation assessment, "with an emphasis on the readiness of the IDF forces to expand offensive activity in the northern sector," with IDF Chief of Staff Herzi Halevi, who himself said after the elimination of Nasrallah that the IDF had not completed using its "toolbox."

The US officials who spoke with ABC also referred to reports of tensions between Israel and the Biden administration following the assassination of Nasrallah, which Washington publicly insists it was not informed about in advance, although according to officials it did receive an advance update of "few minutes notice at best."

In response to reports that U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin "blew up" when Defense Minister Yoav Gallant informed him about Nasrallah, the officials said, "We do bear a lot of risks" in the region, and their people were not given a lot of notice to prepare for possible hostile responses to the assassination, which did not please U.S. officials.

In addition, according to one source, U.S. "interests in the region could be badly harmed" if U.S. officials lose their contacts with the Israelis.

According to the sources, the U.S. approach has not changed; it believes that only a diplomatic settlement is a long-term solution to the crisis. They also noted that a military campaign might lay the groundwork for such a solution.

President Joe Biden himself was asked Saturday night by reporters whether Israel's ground entry into Lebanon is inevitable, and he answered evasively: "'It's time for a cease-fire.'" When asked whether Washington would respond to missile attacks on American warships in the Red Sea, he said: "We are responding."

Meanwhile, the extensive bombings against Hezbollah targets continue, as part of the Northern Arrows operation. Israeli Air Force fighter jets, under the direction of the Northern Command, attacked terrorist targets in the territory of Lebanon overnight, the IDF spokesman announced on Sunday morning. The targets attacked included rocket launchers aimed at Israel, buildings where weapons were stored and military structures belonging to the terrorist organization. The IDF spokesman also noted that over the past day, the army attacked hundreds of Hezbollah terrorist targets throughout Lebanon.

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Rocket & 2-drones from Lebanon explode on outskirts of Jerusalem

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The rocket knocked out power to the area and sparked several fires; Meanwhile, in the western Galilee there were explosions in Nahariya as two armed drones were intercepted: Roni Green Shaulov, Elisha Ben Kimon|16:44

A rocket launched from Lebanon into the Binyamin area east of Jerusalem exploded Saturday night in an open area near the settlement of Mitzpe Hagit sparking fires in the area. In footage of the impact, the rocket knocks out electricity in the settlements. Watch the video:

At 10:05 p.m., alarms were activated in a series of settlements in Binyamin, including Nofei Prat, Mishor Adumim industrial area, Kfar Adumim, Almon, Alon, Geva Binyamin, Ma'ale Michmash, Shaar Binyamin industrial area, Mitzpe Yericho and Ma'ale Adumim.

The IDF spokesman reported that the rocket alert sirens were activated following a single launch from Lebanon. Following the impact, fires broke out in the Michmash area of Binyamin, and firefighting teams from the Binyamin regional station were dispatched to the area. Fire and rescue spokespersons reported that the fire threatens the settlement, and that after scanning the area it is clear that the rocket did not land on a building, contrary to reports circulating through various channels.

Teams from Magen David Adom arrived at the scene after receiving several calls for help. In addition, the Binyamin Regional Council reported that there are power outages in several localities due to the fire. A short time later, the electric company updated that it had restored the electricity supply to the localities of Ma'aleh Michmash and Mitzpe Hagit.

About an hour later, alarms were set off warning of the intrusion of hostile aircraft in several communities in the Western Galilee, including Nahariya, Gesher HaZiv, Betzet, Rosh Hanikara, Liman, Matzuva, Hof Betzet, North Military Industrial Zone, Ben Ami, Shlomi, Sa'ar, Evron and Shavei Zion. Several explosions were heard in the area after two drones were intercepted, according to the IDF spokesman. The Home Front Command later declared the incident to be over.

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IDF preparing limited ground incursion into Lebanon, Israel has rejected cease-fire

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Israel preparing limited ground incursion into Lebanon, senior US official says Israel has rejected a cease-fire proposal - even a limited one - in Lebanon, even though it has already eliminated many of Hezbollah's top officials, official tells ABC News Ynet|16:06

Israel is preparing for a limited ground incursion in Lebanon, a senior US official claimed in a report published on ABC News. The source claimed that Israel is preparing for the ground operation even though it has already killed more than 30 senior Hezbollah officials, most significantly the organization's Secretary General Hassan Nasrallah.

According to the unnamed source, Israel has rejected a proposal for a cease-fire, even a limited one, and is continuing its attacks against targets that are believed to contain long-range missiles and weapons. At the same time, Israel is not listening to the Biden administration despite its repeated calls for a diplomatic solution, according to the report.

The U.S. and Western countries still hope, despite the assassination of Nasrallah, to find a way toward a cease-fire in the north. At this stage it is not clear what will happen to the U.S. initiative and whether it even still exists. The chances of a cease-fire at this stage are not high, but if there is someone able to make decisions in Lebanon who will agree to the

terms of withdrawal to the north of the Litani River and a disengagement from Gaza then it is possible.

As for who this responsible party is, the answer is not clear. The preferred option from Israel's point of view is for the Lebanese government to fill the vacuum, but the problem is that within the government there are quite a few ministers who are under Hezbollah's authority. It must be assumed that whoever succeeds Nasrallah will not make such a move without the blessing of the patrons from Tehran, so everything ultimately goes back to Iran.

Regarding the joint cease-fire initiative of the U.S. and France, sources in Israel familiar with the matter say that from the beginning of the discussions, the contacts were with the Lebanese government and not with Hezbollah and the initiative did not have much chance of materializing even before the elimination of Nasrallah. It is difficult to know the chances of such a cease-fire initiative. It is unclear who the Lebanese government can talk to on the ground itself. It may take some time before Hezbollah appoints a successor to Nasrallah, so it is not clear how feasible this move is.

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IDF locked down Lebanon airport, seaport & borders to prevent Hezbollah rearming

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Lebanon locked down to prevent Hezbollah from rearming, IDF says
Military says it aims to prevent arms being brought in to replenish Hezbollah's depleted arsenal after Israel attacked missile storage facilities

Yoav Zitun|13:19

The IDF has placed Lebanon under lockdown to prevent Hezbollah from rearming itself with Iranian weapons after its arsenal was depleted in Israeli strikes.

Since the targeted killing of Hassan Nasrallah in the terror group's underground command bunker in the Dahieh quarter of Beirut on Friday, the Air Force has repeatedly attacked Lebanese heavy machinery sent to rebuild six military border crossings to Syria, damaged in previous strikes.

The military also informed Lebanon officially that it would not allow cargo planes arriving from Syria and Iran to land at Beirut's international airport. Earlier on Saturday, an Iranian cargo plane was refused landing permission and had to return to Iran. The IDF breached communications at the control tower and warned against allowing the plane to land under threat of attack.

According to reports, Israeli jets attacked an industrial area 500 meters from the airport. Reuters quoted a security source who said it was the closest strike yet to the airport. Middle East Airlines CEO Mohammad al-Hout said the airport was operating normally.

"The Beirut airport is not being targeted, there are no weapons there," al-Hout told Reuters.

Civilian travel and border crossings would not be impacted, the IDF said. Thousands of Lebanese civilians crossed into Syria in recent days, many of them hoping to escape the Israeli attacks.

But if an Iranian ship attempts to dock in a Lebanese port, it may encounter Israeli action off the Lebanon coast.

Some 600,000 Lebanese residents of the South have left their homes heading north and 400,000 residents of the Dahieh, Hezbollah's stronghold in the southern sector of Beirut have also escaped the bombings.

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Hashem Safieddine, cousin of slain Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, oversees group's education and financial operations, including its investment network that funds terrorist activities; he has been on the US terror list since 2017

Lior Ben Ari|04:56

Hashem Safieddine, the head of Hezbollah's Executive Council and a cousin of the group's slain leader Hassan Nasrallah, could be next in line to lead the organization after Nasrallah was reportedly killed in an Israeli strike on Friday.

Safieddine, who has overseen Hezbollah's civilian operations for decades, was said to have survived the attack on the group's underground bunker in Beirut's Dahieh district, according to reports.

Designated as Nasrallah's successor since the 1990s, Safieddine was brought back to Beirut from his studies in Iran to head Hezbollah's Executive Council just two years after Nasrallah assumed leadership. He is also related by marriage to Qassem Soleimani, the former commander of Iran's Quds Force, who was killed by a U.S. strike in 2020.

Safieddine, on the U.S. terror list since 2017, has managed Hezbollah's education system, finances and foreign investments, leaving military and strategic matters to Nasrallah. He has maintained close ties with Tehran and supports the Iranian regime, with his brother Abdullah serving as Hezbollah's envoy to Iran.

Born in 1964 in a village near the southern city of Tyre, Safieddine hails from a prominent family of clerics. Throughout the current war, he has represented Nasrallah at public events, including the funerals of senior Hezbollah members killed in what was believed to be an Israeli attack.

"The wounded will return to their Jihad," Safieddine said at a recent event, adding, "If the enemy's goal is to halt support for Gaza, it must know that it will only grow."

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Nasrallah was in the Beirut command center airstrike, as Netanyahu addressed the UN

9.27. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday
32 years at the helm: Nasrallah is Shiite commander of Hezbollah Shura Council

9.27. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday
IDF strikes Hezbollah central command in Beirut; Nasrallah reportedly targeted

9.27. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday
Once Beirut buildings collapse, IDF will initiate a ground operation. We're not there yet

9.27. 24 – Fr- - - News – Friday
 Hamas terrorists murder Gazan mother after she refused to give charity funds

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Belgium authorities appear powerless over campus PA protests against Israel

9.26. 24 – Th- - - News – Thursday
 Hamas massacre to be celebrated in Spain as Israel unable to sway public opinion

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North residents will not live in proxy sights. It is time to vanquish Hezbollah

9.26. 24 – Th- - - News Placed in September 26 spot – Thursday
Biden & Macron call immediate 21-day cease- fire: Israel, Lebanon situation intolerable

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
Haredi draft dodgers on 3rd notice collision course with IDF, face possible jail time

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
Efforts to target Israelis, Jews traveling abroad ahead of High Holiday

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
Attack on Eilat: UAV explodes in Cable car port, second drone intercepted

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
Israel is not negotiating with Hezbollah: PM Red line is to push it past Litani River

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
IDF mobilizing 2 reserve brigades to north ready for ground war in Lebanon

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
1,500 Hezbollah lost sight & limbs to pagers, leaving displaced to fend for themselves

9.25. 24 – We- - - News Placed in September 25 spot – Wednesday
Journey of escape: Thousands of Lebanese flee combat in gridlock roads to Beirut

9.25. 24 – We- - - News – Wednesday
Israel urges US to warn Iran against intervening in Lebanon

9.24. 24 – Tu- - - News Placed in September 24 spot – Tuesday 3Q Moon 1:02pm
IDF reveal hidden rocket-loaded trucks & cruise missiles in 100s of Lebanon homes

9.24. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday 3Q Moon 1:02pm
Coastal communities 200 rockets south of Haifa jolted by first rocket alarms since 2014

9.24. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday 3Q Moon 1:02pm
Iran President spoke peace at UN; Tehran quickly denied wants by the new president

9.24. 24 – Tu- - - News – Tuesday 3Q Moon 1:02pm
Katz to UN: 'Israel demands enforcement of Resolution 1701 to remove Hezbollah

9.23. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday
Southern Lebanon is empty: IDF strikes spur mass exodus; many relocated to Syria

9.23. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday
Israeli government declares nationwide emergency amid Hezbollah tensions

9.23. 24 – Mo- - - News Placed in September 23 spot – Monday
IDF intensifies Hezbollah bombing campaign, warning Lebanon to evacuate

9.23. 24 – Mo- - - News – Monday
IDF reveals Hezbollah plans to fire cruise missile from Lebanon apartments

9.22. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
Shiite 15 drone swarm targeted south Golan Heights, a long the border with Jordan

9.22. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday
Hezbollah deputy says there is an 'open-ended battle of reckoning'

9.22. 24 – Su- - - News – Sunday

PM "generals' plan" proposes actions in Gaza, reducing aid & a new strategy for Hamas

9.22. 24 – Su- - - News Placed in September 22 spot – Sunday

IDF raids Al Jazeera Ramallah office, over decision to shut network in Israel

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A look at the Fadi-1 and Fadi-2 rockets Hezbollah fired deep into Israeli territory

9.21. 24 – Sa- - - News – Saturday

Hezbollah fires 110 rockets in 4 volleys deep into northern Israel

9.21. 24 – Sa- - - News – Saturday

IDF eliminated the two terrorists who murdered the six hostages found on August 31

9.21. 24 – Sa- - - News – Saturday

US shocked at pager attack, ending 18 years of deterrence & efforts to a cease-fire

9.21. 24 – Sa- - - News – Saturday

IDF strike 180 targets in southern Lebanon, dismantles thousands of launchers

9.21. 24 – Sa- - - News Placed in September 21 spot – Saturday

IAF with F-35 fighter jet kills 1983 bomber of 241 US Marines in Beirut barracks